

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LAGOS 11613 191519Z

47

ACTION AF-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01

INR-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 IO-10 NIC-01 /073 W

----- 113748

R 191309Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7286

INFO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 11613

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, DM, NI

SUBJECT: FMG AND DAHOMEY'S IDEOLOGY

WHILE SOME NIGERIAN EDITORIALISTS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT KEREKOU DECISION ADOPT "MARXISM-LENINISM" AS NEW IDEOLOGY FOR DAHOMEY, FMG OFFICIAL REACTION VERY LOW KEY AND SOMEWHAT BEMUSED. ONE SENIOR MEA OFFICIAL RECALLED REMARK SOME YEARS AGO BY CONGOLESE POLITICIAN THAT "WE HAVE TO KEEP TRYING IDEOLOGIES UNTIL WE FIND ONE THAT WORKS", WHILE SECOND MEA SOURCE OBSERVED SADLY THAT MANNER IN WHICH ECONOMY ORGANIZED MATTERS LITTLE WHEN THERE ARE NO RESOURCES TO ORGANIZE. BOTH OFFICIALS MADE CLEAR THAT FMG REGARDS CHOICE OF IDEOLOGY AS DAHOMEAN INTERNAL AFFAIR SO LONG AS KEREKOU MAKES NO ATTEMPT EXPORT IDEAS BEYOND HIS BORDERS.

CROSBY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FORM OF GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 19 DEC 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974LAGOS11613  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740369-0651  
**From:** LAGOS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741223/aaaaatfc.tel  
**Line Count:** 47  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 1  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <06 MAY 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <26 MAR 2003 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** FMG AND DAHOMEY'S IDEOLOGY WHILE SOME NIGERIAN EDITORIALISTS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PGOV, DM, NI  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005